

today living in freedom, and dedicated to building a stronger nation for their children. The terrorists are in the hands of law enforcement and the rule of law will prevail.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the service of these eight Armenian patriots and their families on this very sad day.

VOTE NO ON A BAD BUDGET BILL

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today is the last day for the 13 appropriations bills. Unfortunately, the bill that will be on the floor today did not come to the House floor. The most important bill for America's families came from committee, and not to the floor so that we could debate it.

This budget in its entirety does not extend the life of Social Security for one day. This budget does not offer prescription drug coverage for seniors who need it. This budget hurts American families.

If you have a child and you were thinking that you were going to get them in Head Start, one of the most successful programs we have, the Head Start budget will be cut. You may not be able to have your child there.

If you are a senior and you depend on Meals on Wheels, a very successful program where some seniors have this one hot meal every day, your Meals on Wheels will be cut with this budget.

Nursing homes, who take care of the seniors who have made it possible for all of us to be here today, will be cut.

Bad bill. Vote no.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR ARMENIA

(Mr. GANSKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, in August I went on a surgical mission to Armenia. Our surgical mission was treated with great hospitality by our hosts and we were able to join with Armenian doctors and do teaching and help take care of patients. So it was with shock that I saw on TV the shooting that occurred in the Armenian legislature.

I would remind our colleagues that it was in about 1954 that we had a shooting in this very room, and when you have violence in the midst of democracy, it sends a chill down all of our backs.

I pray for the families of those who were slain, and I sincerely hope that peace will return to Armenia and that they will be able to go about the business of democracy and improving their country.

SUPPORT H.R. 762, LUPUS RESEARCH AND CARE AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask this House and this Congress to pay attention to this very important plea I am making this morning.

This is Lupus Awareness Month. People all over this country are not quite aware of the danger of this autoimmune disease called lupus. It kills more people than AIDS and several other infectious diseases. It is time we woke up to lupus. It is a killer. It is a killer of young women in their child bearing years. It is acrippler of men as well as women, but more so women.

I am asking support throughout this country for my bill on lupus. It is the Care Act of 1999. Remember, lupus has a significant impact on women in child bearing years, so your wives, daughters and sisters will be affected by this terrible disease. Charles Kurault died of this disease recently. It is a killer, it breaks your back. I want Members to help me with this bill and try to get it scheduled in this Congress. It has been up for 3 years. It is time that lupus is recognized.

SUPPORT LABOR-HHS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today we will pass the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, which contains many good things. It also contains a 1 percent across-the-board cut, which I support, because we have to do that unless we want to dip into the Social Security funds for other purposes.

But this bill also contains \$1.4 billion for a program that I hope at least some people will begin to question. It is one of the most wasteful programs in the entire Federal Government, and yet, because it theoretically is for children, nobody will question it.

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That is the Job Corps program. Today we are spending over \$26,000 per year per Job Corps student. We could take each one of those students and give them a \$1,000 month allowance, send them to some expensive private school, and still save some.

The GAO says hardly any of those students are ending up in jobs for which they were trained. That program is benefiting only the bureaucrats and the fat cat government contractors. Mr. Speaker, we need to question that program. It is harming children by taking money away from their parents to send instead to bureaucrats and fat cat government contractors.

THE BRONX AND NEW YORK CITY ARE VERY PROUD OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am going to put on this hat, although it is not the traditional blue and white.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). I would have to interrupt the gentleman. The House rules prohibit the wearing of hats.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I will not put on the hat, I will just hold the hat. Even though it is not the traditional blue and white Yankee colors, these are some of the fancy hats they sell on 161st Street in the Bronx outside Yankee Stadium.

I speak then on behalf of myself and my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO). We are both from the Bronx. We always joke, the Yankee Stadium is in his district, and some of the parking lots outside of Yankee Stadium are in my district; when the Yankees hit a home run out of the park, the ball lands in my district.

I was born in the Bronx, lived in the Bronx, was raised in the Bronx, grew up within walking distance of Yankee Stadium. Today the Bronx is really proud of the Bronx Bombers, of the New York Yankees, who once again are the world champions in baseball. They are truly the team of the nineties, the dynasty of the nineties.

As we enter the new millenium, the Yankees are the world champions. The Bronx is very, very proud of the Yankees, and indeed, all of New York City is very, very proud of the Yankees. We look forward to a great ticker tape parade up Broadway with the Yankees. We look forward to continued successes in the future.

Go, Yankees. They have made us all proud: Joe Torre, George Steinbrenner and all the Yankees. New York, New York.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.